

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants : Chang et al. Confirmation No.: 6448  
Serial No. : 10/787,526  
Filed : February 26, 2004  
For : **DUAL FUNCTIONING EXCIPIENT FOR METAL CHELATE  
CONTRAST AGENTS**  
Art Unit : 1618  
Examiner : Dameron L. Jones

**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This *Amendment and Response* is being filed in response to the Office Action mailed May 17, 2006. Therefore, this *Amendment and Response* is timely filed.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 8 of this paper.